



PARISH OF SAINT FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

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May 8th, 2022 : FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Int. For the People
Sunday 10.0am Int. +Dorothy Dance

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int. +Norah Sandford (FM)
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
9:30am Int.
Wednesday EASTER FERIA
No Mass today
Thursday ST.PANCRAS
7.00pm Int. The Ipswich Deanery
Friday OUR LADY OF FATIMA
11:30am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.MATTHIAS
9.30am Int. +Elsie Fenton (FM)
6:00pm Int. For the People

The Daily Office

Lauds (Morning Prayer) is said a quarter of an hour before Mass on Mon., Tues., Fri. & Sat. ;
Vespers is said on Thurs, at 6.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 10.0am Benediction at 10.30am
Friday at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday at Noon, during Exposition

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.269 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.476 of The Sunday Missal.
Hymns at 10.0am : 279, 765, 662

THIS WEEK

Today 3.30pm-4.30pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery.

Monday 9.30am-11.30am The new St.Felix Toddlers Group meets for the first time in the Hall. Hopefully this Group will be meeting every Monday in future during school term time.

Tuesday 10.45am-11.45am The Catechism Group meets in the Cooper Room - all welcome. This week we will be looking at paragraphs 385 to 412

A week on Tuesday (May 17th) Mass for the Sick, at 3.0pm. The Sacrament for the Sick will be administered. This is the first time for a couple of years that we have been able to hold a Mass for the Sick. Please encourage any sick, housebound, and infirm people you know to come to this Mass, and try to assist them with transport. This is a very real and practical way of loving our neighbor. Afternoon tea will be served in the Hall after the Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries this week Kathleen Greaves (2000), Winifred Barker (2004), Sr. Bernardette (2001), Audrey Flynn (2018), and Madge Hallinan (2000). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £405.26 was given at the Offertory, and £45.50 for CAFOD. Today there is a retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund. The Bishop asks us to give generously to this cause, because it is so important

that the diocese has sufficient resources to pay for the training of new priests (as us older ones are wearing out!)

A NEW SHRINE OF ST.FELIX

Sadly not here, in the place where St.Felix may well have lived and worked as first Bishop of East Anglia in the eighth century, but in the Catholic church at King's Lynn. Why King's Lynn? Well apart from the fact that St.Felix is secondary patron of this diocese (after Our Lady of Walsingham), so that such a shrine is appropriate in any church in the three counties, there is an ancient tradition that when St.Felix first came to East Anglia from France, he landed not on the Suffolk coast but a Babingley in Norfolk. Babingley lies on the east coast of the Wash, near to Sandringham, and so it is within the King's Lynn parish. The form of the shrine is apparently an icon, newly 'written' (as the correct term for painting an icon is), which will shortly be blessed by the bishop on a visit to King's Lynn.

When I came here eight years ago, the bishop asked me to do four things in our church, of which so far I have only managed to do two - namely the return of the tabernacle to the centre of the Sanctuary, and the restoration of the 'big six' candlesticks to the main altar. One of the other things he asked me to do was to introduce a statue of St.Felix to the church - and thereby create a Shrine of St.Felix here, before which people could pray and burn a candle. For eight years I have looked out for a really good statue of a bishop-saint, but without success. Plaster statues out of a catalogue can be rather horrid, and new ones carved out of wood can be fearfully expensive, and not always very attractive. Better have no statue than a bad statue! The new King's Lynn icon has made me wonder whether, if a good statue cannot be procured, we should think of an icon of St.Felix as an alternative? Maybe when we see the King's Lynn icon it will become clearer.....

EXPLORING THE CATECHISM

When the Catechism Group meets on Tuesday it will be looking at the paragraphs which speak about 'the fall', and asking what does it mean to speak about humanity as 'fallen'? What is

'original sin'? What went wrong between mankind as God brought it into being, and mankind as it became, warring, destroying, angry, and separated from God? And how did God, in his great love, purpose to restore mankind to union with himself? Two of the paragraphs which we will be looking at are these :

'With the progress of Revelation. the reality of sin is also illuminated. Although to some extent the People of God in the Old Testament had tried to understand the pathos of the human condition in the light of the history of the fall narrated in Genesis, they could not grasp this story's ultimate meaning, which is revealed only in the light of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must know Christ as the source of grace in order to know Adam as the source of sin. The Spirit-Paraclete, sent by the risen Christ, came to 'convict the world concerning sin', by revealing him who is its Redeemer.'

'Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. This is what man's first sin consisted of. All subsequent sin would be disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his goodness'.

In the
hard copy, there is
a picture of
St.Felix' Church
at
Easter